

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: June 10, 1991

SUBJECT: Dove Springs Grant Application

I am requesting Parks Board approval to apply for a \$500,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to develop recreational facilities at Dove Springs Park.

In January 1991, Travis County contributed \$1,120,000 for construction of a swimming pool, bathhouse and parking lot at Dove Springs Park. An architect has been hired to design the swimming pool complex, and completion of plans is scheduled for December. Additional funding is required to develop other outdoor recreational amenities such as ballfields, trails, picnic shelter, soccer field, basketball courts, and children's playscape, which will provide park activities throughout the year. Without a grant, the City has no funding to provide the broad range of recreation opportunities required by a large, young population which has few park facilities.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant program offers up to \$500,000 for park development, with the requirement that a local government commit an equal amount of funding. The City's \$500,000 match will be represented by expenditures of at least that amount for construction of the swimming pool.

The application will be submitted in July, and a decision is anticipated by the Parks and Wildlife Commission in January 1992. State grant regulations prohibit spending the City's match funding prior to the grant award. The City will have final construction plans by December, and proceed with City permits. After the State develops a grant contract and approves the pool construction plans in Spring 1992, the City will be able to bid and award a pool construction contract during the Summer 1992. Construction of the pool and other park amenities will occur during Fall 1992 and Spring 1993. The pool is expected to open for the 1993 swimming season.

The City Council is scheduled to act upon this grant application request June 14.

Recommendation

I recommend your approval to submit a grant application to develop recreational facilities at Dove Springs Park.

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Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director Parks and Recreation Department

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Memo to: Robert Sopronyi, Acting Division Manager, Programs

From: Suzanne Collier, Special Services Supervisor

Date: June 5, 1991

Subject: Playgrounds Opening Ceremony

On Friday, June 14, 1991, the Summer Playground Program will have its Opening Ceremonies at Kealing Playground from 10:00am-12:00pm.

We would like to have PARD Advisory Council members and Austin City Council members attend the Ceremonies. Of course, we would like to have you and Manuel Mollinedo also attend. At approximately 10am, we would like the City Council and Advisory Council members to welcome the children and staff and we would like one of the Council members to play a box hockey game against a TV personality (I'm still working on that). They will also help judge the Costume Contest and Banner Contest.

Joan is working on getting Kealing approved as a free lunch program site so we will also be able to serve free lunches that day (approximately 400 lunches). She may be planning to use this as the Summer Food Service Program Kick-off.

I will keep you updated on the status of "celebs" and any other changes. Please let me know as soon as possible as to who will be attending.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
A PRESS CONFERENCE TO UNFURL
THE FLAGS OF THE WORLD PROJECT
at the AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL
12 Noon, Flag Day, June 14, 1991
2200 South Lakeshore Blvd.

Students and teachers from A.I.S.D, along with foriegn guests will attend to critique this collection of 170, 3'x 5' flags representing all countries of the world.

State and local officials and educators have been invited to attend.

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